

0. There were 38 countries represented in the U-14 age bracket.

The Dallas Texans won 9 games over the course of 6 days. The boys on the Dallas Texans U-14 team were Logan Brown, Triston Edgington, Evan Hu, Anthony Perea, Seth Weprin, Omar Thompson Jr., Donovan Praslin, Arthur Ramirez, Tristan Robles, Noah Adames, Matthew Santos, Caleb Young, Benedict Lube, Cade York, Jorge Amaya-Gonzalez, Andrew Moore, and Joseph McGee. They are represented by their coach Hassan Nazari.

When the Gothia Cup started in 1975, it included 275 teams from 5 nations. In 2015, it attracted 1,754 teams from 74 nations. Overall, the Cup hosted 40,200 players. The Gothia cup has a long, rich history that continues to expand as more countries send young, active players.

**PADGETT STRATEMANN & CO.'S
70TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 70th anniversary of Padgett Stratemann & Co., a newly selected Texas Treasure Business Award recipient. Run by the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Treasure Business Award Program pays tribute to the state's well-established businesses and their historical contributions to the state's economic growth and prosperity.

Founded in 1945 by Sidney Padgett, Padgett Stratemann & Co. focuses on accounting and business advisory services. It has been a thriving member of the Central and South Texas business community. With over 200 employees in San Antonio, Austin, and Houston, the company is committed to the communities through financial and in-kind support of numerous non-profit organizations. By displaying professionalism, service, and quality, Padgett Stratemann & Co. exemplifies what it means to be an award-winning Texas-based business enterprise.

**HONORING NESHANNOCK
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I congratulate the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company on 75 years of faithful service to their community. Since 1940, the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company has provided fire protection, emergency medical response, and technical rescue services to the nearly 10,000 citizens of Neshannock Township, as well as the surrounding communities of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. The fire company, made up entirely of volunteers, responds to around 400 incidents per year, including structure fires, car accidents, medical emergencies, and hazardous material incidents. The volunteer responders complete at least 70 hours of training

each year, with many members undertaking more than 100 hours of training annually.

I commend these volunteer responders for donating their time and efforts, especially for selflessly putting themselves in harm's way to keep their friends and neighbors safe. Communities across America rely on the generosity and courage of men and women like volunteer firefighters to maintain the safety and security of their farms, neighborhoods, towns, and villages. I congratulate the Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company for reaching this significant milestone and I wish them many more successful years of service.

**IN CELEBRATION OF ANN WEST
ON HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO
PINKERTON ACADEMY**

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions Ann West has made to Pinkerton Academy and their performing arts program over the past 56 years. Ann is directing her last play with the Pinkerton Players on November 15, 2015 and I am pleased to join with Pinkerton Academy and the Stockbridge Theatre in recognizing the many contributions she has made to both the school and performing arts in her community.

Ann founded the Pinkerton Players, Pinkerton Academy's own performing arts group in 1988. Since that time she has directed dozens of plays and musicals such as *Our Town*, *The Pink Panther* and *A Christmas Carol* to name just a few. She was also instrumental in building both of the school's auditoriums—the Shephard Auditorium in 1963 and the Stockbridge Theatre that was built to replace the auditorium in 2002.

In addition to her time with the Pinkerton Players, Ann has served as an educator in many subjects at Pinkerton Academy, and heading up the English department at the school. She is a past president and active member of the board for the New Hampshire Council for Teachers of English, and an Executive Board Member for the New England Association of Teachers of English.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the many contributions Ann West has made to both Pinkerton Academy and her community over the last 56 years, and I wish her the best in all future endeavors.

**IN TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS P.
HOLIAN**

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to an outstanding civil servant and constituent of mine, Thomas P. Holian, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration, FHWA, who is retiring after 37 years of Federal service.

Tom is a graduate of Fordham University and received his juris doctor from New York Law School. Tom joined the FHWA as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of the Chief Counsel in 1978. From 1978 to 1982, he worked in the Chief Counsel's Office of Legislation and Regulations on such matters as the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, and the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. Tom also served as a Trial Attorney in the Chief Counsel's Motor Carrier and Highway Safety Law Division where he handled motor carrier safety enforcement cases and regulatory and litigation work associated with driver qualification requirements, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and controlled substance and alcohol testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers. Tom also served as the first Executive Director of the FHWA's National Motor Carrier Advisory Committee.

Tom joined the Senior Executive Service in December 1999 when he was selected to serve as the Deputy Chief Counsel for Legislation and Regulations in the Office of the Chief Counsel. In this position through February 2008, Tom was responsible for directing a staff in providing legal advice and services on all aspects of the FHWA's legislative and regulatory programs. In this role, he greatly contributed to the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Tom also led the team responsible for drafting much of the TEA-21 reauthorization bill that became SAFETEA-LU. Prior to this appointment, Tom was an Associate Chief Counsel and served as the FHWA's Regulations Officer responsible for leading the comprehensive review of FHWA's regulations in response to Presidential directives in 1992 and 1995, as well as FHWA's ISTEA and TEA-21 regulatory implementation.

Tom became the Deputy Chief Counsel, the senior career attorney in the FHWA, in March 2008. As Deputy Chief Counsel, Tom supervises and coordinates the activities of a staff comprised of 60 employees, of whom 50 are attorneys responsible for providing legal services regarding all aspects of the FHWA's programs. The Office of Chief Counsel consists of three headquarters divisions and five field divisions, four of which provide services to Federal-aid Division Offices and the Resource Center, and one that provides services to the Federal Lands Highway. Tom directly advises the most senior officials in the FHWA and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Tom and his staff work with State and local government transportation attorneys and other customers to enhance their understanding of Federal laws and procedures relating to transportation.

Tom will be retiring this month after 39 years of Federal service. After his long career and especially his seven and a half years as Deputy Chief Counsel, Tom leaves FHWA a well-respected, dedicated public servant, who has used his knowledge and skills throughout his 37-year FHWA career to make significant contributions to the advancement of transportation law.

I am proud to represent Tom and so many other Federal workers. We are fortunate to have dedicated, talented, creative, hard-working, and patriotic public servants like Tom. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Tom